



Spring Term 2022: Newsletter 3
Monday 7th February 2022

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL



EYFS

EYFS have been planning their NASA space mission to land on Mars. The children carefully designed and wrote out their own boarding passes!



YEAR ONE

Year 1 have been creating artwork in the style of Brazilian artist Romero Britto. The children used oil pastels to experiment with colour and shape and the outcomes were incredible!



ARB

The pupils from the ARB have been very busy.

The children mixed their own bird seed, made bird feeders and watched to see which birds they could spot as part of the RSPBs Big School Birdwatch. They saw several little birds and a very sneaky squirrel who enjoyed the cheerio strings!

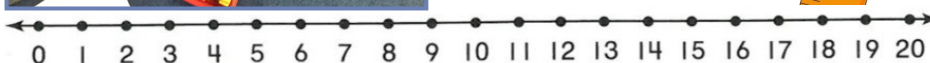
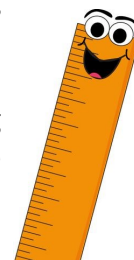




YEAR 2



In maths, Year 2 became measurement detectives. The children have been learning about measuring in centimetres and meters using a range of different equipment. They have been exploring items in their classrooms and taking accurate measurements. They have worked hard drawing accurately using a ruler, which can be quite tricky!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning all about how food can be altered in science. The children observed how to make exploding chocolate drops with popping candy. Once they had cooled, the children tasted the exploding chocolate drops. They were then able to explain the chemical reaction that had occurred.

"When popping candy is made, carbon dioxide gas is added and when it cools the gas becomes trapped. When the popping candy is then in your mouth, the bubbles of gas are released, creating the pops and crackles! It was really fun!"



YEAR 4



In science, Year 4 have been testing how fast liquids flow and working out which liquids have a high viscosity and which ones have a low viscosity.

The children were testing oil, cream, ketchup and washing up liquid. It was a messy but fun afternoon!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Solar System and have been exploring the relative sizes and distances of the different planets through fruit. The children predicted which item of food would represent each planet using information they had already learned. They were then able to compare each planet's diameter and distance to the Sun. Great work, Year 5!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have taken part in an 'Experience Day'. They were exploring what it would have felt like for Scott and his men as they battled back from the South Pole after their disappointing expedition. The children undertook a number of stations - putting their hands in ice to experience the feelings, trying to untie a knot and tie a bow with cold, gloved hands, trying to write a diary in gloves and finally being squeezed into a tent with other people in a blizzard. A true adventure!



SCIENCE

Mrs Copeland's Science Club enjoyed their Skittles experiment, "What will happen to the colours of the Skittles when we put water on them?".

Brad's hypothesis was, "The Skittles will go white and the water will have their colours!"

They learnt that food dye dissolves in water. Beth, "Water molecules jiggle about and spread the dye out. This is called diffusion."



SPORTS

Twelve children from Years 1 and 2 travelled to Poltair School to take part in a KS1 Cross Country event last week.

All the children did extremely well in tough conditions, battling the wind, rain and mud to finish the 700m course around Poltair Sports Field.



On the 25th January, 16 children from Key Stage 2 went to Poltair School to take part in the School Cross Country Qualifier Race 3.

We had lots of top 10 finishes which is a great progression from the previous race. All of the children have been excellent and are improving with every race.

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? Our PTA are busy planning an Easter Fayre and would be grateful for any items that can be donated for raffle prizes. Please pop any items to the School Office. Thank you.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 17th February will be a PTA non-uniform day for a £1 donation. The PTA will have collection pots which the children will be able to put their coins in as they enter the classrooms.



Are you passionate about our future generations? Do you want to make difference to young people? Would you like to develop your own skills? Do you have some time to give to our wonderful community? Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? We are currently seeking new individuals to join our Local Governing Board. If you are interested in joining our Local Governing Board, please click this link for more information. [Governors website page.](#)





TOP THREE!



Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:

1st place: Lily Brace

2nd place: Harley-Jai Juleff

3rd place: Henry Blennard

Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:

1st place: Lillian Kitson

2nd place: Lillia-Mae Watson

3rd place: Diana Brovkina

Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:

1st place: Alexis Heard

2nd place: Alfie-Lee Juleff

3rd place: Jake Hudson



Join the PTA!



Help raise much needed funds for your child's school.

The money we raise goes towards resources such as books and money for school trips.



Please contact either Laura Mitchell
07974072102 or Laura Hare 07805909684



Mount Charles Methodist Church
Victoria Road, St Austell, PL25 4QF

Thursday 3rd February

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 7th April

3 15pm – 5 15pm

Enjoy activities such as: crafts, cooking
and singing as a family with a sit-down
meal together.

All ages welcome.

www.mountcharleschurch.com



Diary

February

- 8th Safer Internet Day
Cross Country Fixture
- 11th Year 3 trip to Eden
EYFS visit from Screech Owl Sanctuary
- 14th KS2 Dodgeball, Poltair
- 15th Football & Netball fixture, St Mewan
- 16th Penrice LEAP, Years 4 & 5

February

- 17th **No extra-curricular clubs**
PTA Non-uniform day, £1 cash donation
- 18th **INSET DAY—school closed to children**
- w/c 21st Spring Half Term Break

Dates

March

- 1st Chartwells, Pancake Day
- 3rd World Book Day, (more information will be sent home later this week)
- 8th Cross Country—Mid Qualifier
- 16th Stay Safe Workshops, Yr5
- 28th Red Nose Day
- 22nd Cross Country—Final
- 19th Football and Netball, St Mewan

Notices



FREE Public Swimming Sessions

Leisure providers are offering FREE weekly swim sessions to tackle the negative impact Covid-19 has had on many people's swimming skills development.

Days, times and start dates being confirmed for GLL Better Cornwall centres, Camelford, Penzance and Carn Brea Leisure Centres.

Please visit:
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